

Background material on former Pres. Truman's
Statement RE Soviet atomic Explosions

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Mr. Truman today (January 27, 1953) confirmed as correct the following statement attributed to him by a press association:

"I am not convinced Russia has the [atomic] bomb * * * I am not convinced the Russians have achieved the know-how to put the complicated mechanism together to make an A-bomb work, I am not convinced they have the bomb."